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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION:
SUNFLOWER PRODUCTION/VEGETABLE OIL CONSUMPTION TEAM

REF: BESHOAR/KOVALEV LETTER OF JANUARY 23, 1975

1. REFLETTER TRANSMITTED PROPOSED DATES FOR TEAM AUGUST 25-
SEPTEMBER 13 WITH SUGGESTION THAT IF THAT TIME INTERFERRED
WITH SOVIET VACATION TIME, US TEAM WOULD COME WEEK LATER.
US PREFERS SEPTEMBER 1-20. PLEASE CONFIRM TIME PERIOD FOR
US TEAM WITH KOVALEV.

2. TEAM MEMBERS:

(A) GEORGE WANAMAKER - AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST FOREIGN
COMMODITY ANALYSIS, FAS, USDA, HEAD OF DELEGATION.
(B) GEORGE KROMER - AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, OIL CROPS
PROGRAM AREA, ERS, USDA.
(C) LARS WIEDERMANN - RESEARCH MANAGER, RESEARCH LABORA-
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TORY, SWIFT AND COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
(D) JOHN MOGUSH - ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, CARGILL, INC.,

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

3. OBJECTIVES: FAMILIARIZATION WITH SOVIET OIL SEED PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY.

(A) VISITS TO REPRESENTATIVE SUNFLOWER/SOYBEAN PRODUCING AREAS.

(B) VISITS TO VEGETABLE OILSEED PROCESSING AND REFINING, PACKAGING AND MARKETING FACILITIES. REVIEW WITH SOVIET AGENCIES REGARDING EXPORT AVAILABILITIES AND GENERAL FOREIGN TRADE PROSPECTS.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY:

(A) MOSCOW - KHABAROVSK, BIROBIZHAN, BLAGOVESHCHENSK BY CAR (SOYBEAN PRODUCTION, OIL PRODUCTS PROCESSING AND MARKETING) SOVIET FAR EAST. (SIX DAYS)

(B) MOSCOW - SOCHI (WEEKEND), KRASNODAR, LABINSKY, ROSTOV BY CAR; ZAPOREZHYE, ODESSA, ILLIECHEVSK, KIEV BY CAR. RETURN MOSCOW (10 DAYS) (SUNFLOWER PRODUCTION).

(C) LENINGRAD - OIL PRODUCTS PROCESSING AND MARKETING.

(D) MOSCOW (4 DAYS)

5. ORGANIZATIONS TO BE VISITED:

(A) MOSCOW - MINAG, MIN FOOD INDUSTRY, MIN PROCUREMENT (STORAGE--SEEDS AND OILS), ALL-UNION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, TIMIRAZEV ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, ALL-UNION COMMITTEE FOR PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT, PRODINTORG, EXPORTHLEB, GOSPLAN, GOSSNAB, STATE COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS, STATE COMMITTEE FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS).

(B) KHABAROVSK, BIROBIZHAN, BLAGOVESCHBNSK - MINAG, SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION, FAR EAST AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, FAT AND OILS KOMBINAT, COLLECTIVE AND STATE FARMS.

(C) KRASNODAR, LABINSKY, ROSTOV, ZAPOREZHYE - MINAG, PUSHTOVOI OILSEED INSTITUTE, VENNIK, OILSEED MASLOKOMBINAT, STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS.

(D) ODESSA - ODESSA MASLOKOMBINAT, ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ODESSA, LYSENKO INSTITUTE OF GENETICS, PORT HANDLING, VEGETABLE OIL STORAGE.

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(E) KIEV - MINAG, AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE--UKRAINE, CSA--UKRAINE, MIN PROCUREMENT--UKRAINE, STATE OR COLLECTIVE FARM (SUNFLOWER).

(F) LENINGRAD - ANIMAL VEGETABLE AND INDUSTRIAL MASLOKOMBINAT.

6. KIEV MAY BE DROPPED TO SAVE TIME.

7. SOVIET SECRETARIAT AND ATTACHE WILL HAVE HEAVY WORKLOAD IN SEPTEMBER WITH MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE AND WORKING

GROUPS. HOWEVER, INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO
SCHEDULE VISIT AT TIME CONSISTENT WITH NEW CROP SOYBEAN/
SUNFLOWER HARVESTING AND PROCESSING. AUGUST GENERALLY
REPAIR PERIOD AND PLANT VISITS WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE.
SINCE TEAM WILL PRIMARILY EITHER BE OUTSIDE MOSCOW OR
ENGAGED IN MEETINGS WITH OILSEED SPECIALISTS AND
TECHNICIANS IN MIN FOOD INDUSTRY, MINAG, MIN PROCUREMENT,
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE LOAD ON SOVIET
OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN BILATERAL MEETINGS SHOULD NOT RPT
NOT BE TOO BURDENSOME. STRONGLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
SEPTEMBER 1 ARRIVAL. TIMING IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE US
INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION (AT OWN EXPENSE) TO ACCOMPLISH
PRIMARY GOALS THIS TEAM VISIT. KISSINGER

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